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SUBJECT:US/BRAZIL SHRIMP AGREEMENT

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1. DEPT. HAS BEEN CONSIDERING APPROACH WHICH SHOULD BE
TAKEN NOW WITH GOB REGARDING '.S./BRAZIL SHRIMP AGREEMENT.
WHILE ORIGINALLY DEPT'S THINKING WAS THAT EXTENSION OF
AGREEMENT WOULD BE MOST DESIRABLE, SOME PROBLEMS HAVE
ARISEN WHICH MAKE THIS APPROACH DIFFICULT TO PURSUE.

2. THERE IS NO PROVISION IN SHRIMP AGREEMENT FOR EXTENSION.
THEORETICALLY, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO KEEP SAME SUBSTANCE
OF AGREEMENT BUT CONSIDER IT TO BE A COMPLETELY NEW AGREE-
MENT SUBJECT TO INTERNAL PROCEDURES ONCE AGAIN. THIS COULD
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BE SOMEWHAT AWKWARD, HOWEVER, AND IN ANY CASE IT WOULD

APPEAR THAT PREAMBLE AND OTHER LANGUAGE WOULD HAVE TO BE CHANGED TO REFLECT NEW JURIDICAL SITUATION. A MORE SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEM IS THAT FEE OF \$361,000 IN PRESENT AGREEMENT WOULD BE A PROBLEM IF EXTENSION WERE ACCOMPLISHED IN RECENT YEARS, APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF OF THIS SUM HAS BEEN PROVIDED THROUGH CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS. RECENT CONTACTS WITH CONGRESSIONAL INTERESTS INDICATE THAT THIS MAY BE DIFFICULT TO SUSTAIN NOW THAT JURISDICTIONAL

DIFFERENCES OVER FISHERIES BETWEEN USG AND GOB NO LONGER EXIST. APPROXIMATELY 100 BOATS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN FISHERY RECENTLY, AND IF INDUSTRY WERE TO BEAR ENTIRE COST IN AGREEMENT THERE WOULD BE FEE OF APPROXIMATELY \$3,600 PER VESSEL. THIS IS OVER THREE TIMES WHAT VESSEL OWNERS PRESENTLY PAY. RECENT CANVASSING OF INDUSTRY REVEALS THAT MANY OWNERS NOT WILLING TO PAY THIS AMOUNT, AND IF NUMBER OF VESSELS DROPPED OUT OF FISHERY COST FOR REMAINING VESSELS WOULD ESCALATE EVEN HIGHER.

3. THESE OBSTACLES APPEAR SERIOUS ENOUGH TO REQUIRE RENEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENT. DEPT. SUGGESTS THAT EMBASSY APPROACH GOB TO SEE IF ITS THINKING HAS FURTHER CRYSTALLIZED AND TO SUGGEST THAT RENEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENT TAKE PLACE IN BRASILIA OR WASHINGTON. POSSIBLE DATES COULD BE FEBRUARY 7-11 AS SUGGESTED BY DIDIER PER REFTEL.

4. NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS) OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH GOB SCIENTISTS (SUDEPE) RE POSSIBLE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS ON SHRIMP WHICH ARE PROVIDED FOR IN AGREEMENT AND WHICH WOULD BE NECESSARY IN CONNECTION WITH ANY RENEGOTIATION, SINCE WE WOULD NEED TO KNOW CURRENT STATUS OF SHRIMP STOCKS. IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT MEETING WOULD BE HELD IN MIAMI, AND AT REQUEST OF SUDEPE, US SCIENTISTS ARE PREPARING FORMAL INVITATION FOR EITHER JANUARY 24-28 OR JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 4. INVITATION WILL INCLUDE PROPOSED AGENDA, LIST OF PERSONS PARTICIPATING ON U.S. SIDE, AND OTHER INFORMATION. INVITATION BEING SENT TO DR. SOLONCY J. CORDEIRO DE MOURA, SUDEPE, AVENIDA W3 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NORTE, Q 506 BLOCO C, BRASILIA. DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY GETTING IN TOUCH WITH ABOVE INDIVIDUAL TO INFORM HIM THAT FORMAL INVITATION IS ON THE WAY AND THAT DATES PROPOSED ARE THOSE NOTED ABOVE. KISSINGER

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